AHEAD — GLTFCA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

02 TO 08 SEPTEMBER 2014



REMINDER - SADC TFCAs at the 2014 World Parks Congress

If you are attending the World Parks Congress and presenting on SADC TFCAs, please send your title, abstract and venue by the 30th September 2014. Your contribution will be included in the SADC TFCAs programme at the World Parks Congress, and you will be part of the SADC TFCAs group, which will host two side-events and will have a permanent stand at the Congress. Time is running short and we need to prepare!

Please send the information to clara.bocchino@up.ac.za or janina.laurent@giz.de

GRANTS, FUNDING, JOB OPENINGS

<u>People's Trust for Endangered Species:</u> Grants (GBP 2,000 to 8,000) to scientific researchers and conservationists (research or field work) for preservation of endangered species. **Deadline for application: 15 February 2015**

http://ptes.org/GRANTS/APPLY-GRANT/WORLDWIDE-GRANT-CRITERIA/

<u>Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund:</u> Grants (USD 25,000 max) to support species conservation work. **Deadline for application: 31 October 2014** http://www.speciesconservation.org/grants/criteria

<u>IZUMI Foundation</u>: Funding (USD 45,000 to 100,000) for research to improve health in developing countries. Focus areas are: Infectious Disease, Neglected Tropical Diseases, Malnutrition, Maternal And Neonatal Health, Health care infrastructure.

Deadline for Application: 31 December 2014 http://izumi.org/funding-grants/

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Call for Papers

The Open Journal of Ecology Special Issue on "Ecological Food Chain" <u>http://www.scirp.org/journal/htmlOfSpecialIssue.aspx?ID=1343&JournalID=614&utm_campaign=SpecialIssue&utm_s</u> <u>ource=e_si&utm_medium=oje_efc_20140825_leiming</u>

On conservation, community & trans-frontier areas

Community engagement in wildlife conservation Stina Oskarsson http://www.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:737919/FULLTEXT01.pdf

The spread and maturation of strategic adaptive management within and beyond South African national parks Stefanie Freitag, Harry Biggs & Charles Breen

http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol19/iss3/art25/ES-2013-6338.pdf&sa=X&scisig=AAGBfm3FmsmfxVL1RqRJTxJSIGw GwAMuNg&oi=scholaralrt

Evaluation of Microsatellite Markers for Populations Studies and Forensic Identification of African Lions (*Panthera leo*) Susan M. Miller, Cindy K. Harper, Paulette Bloomer, Jennifer Hofmeyr, Paul J. Funston <u>http://jhered.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2014/08/23/jhered.esu054.abstract</u>

On Public Health, health promotion and community engagement

Increasing role of Anopheles funestus and Anopheles arabiensis in malaria transmission in the Kilombero Valley, Tanzania

Dickson W Lwetoijera, Caroline Harris, Samson S Kiware, Stefan Dongus, Gregor J Devine, Philip J McCall and Silas Majambere

www.malariajournal.com/content/pdf/1475-2875-13-331.pdf

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

22 September '14: WORLD RHINO DAY

21-23 Sept '14: <u>World youth rhino summit</u> Kwazulu Natal, RSA http://www.youthrhinosummit.com/

21-23 Sept '14:

CMS COP 11 Regional Preparatory and Negotiation

Workshop for Africa

Harare, Zimbabwe http://www.cms.int/en/pre-cop11-afr

IN FOCUS THIS WEEK:

Hot off the press!

The 2013 SANParks Annual research report is out, find it on: http://www.sanparks.org/conservation/reports/research_ report.php

Also, check out by SANParks authors or based on work done in the SANParks estate on

http://www.sanparks.org/conservation/publications/ default.php

News of the week

USA: BAN ON IVORY SALES



The State of New Jersey has enacted a state-wide ban on the sale of Ivory in an attempt to reduce elephant poaching in Africa. (Source: Environmental News Network (ENN), 6 August 2014; Photo: Reuters)

Do Community-Based Programs Help to Improve HIV Treatment and Health Outcomes? A Review of the Literature Ugo Amanyeiwe, Suzanne Leclerc-Madlala, Hannah Gardi www.academia.edu/8080479/Do_Community-Based_Programs_Help_to_Improve_HIV_and_Health_Outcomes

The value of building health promotion capacities within communities: evidence from a maternal health intervention in Guinea

Ellen Brazier, Renee Fiorentino, Mamadou Saidou Barry, Moustapha Diallo http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2014/08/22/heapol.czu089.full

Curiosity killed the cat

Economic trade-offs of biomass use in crop-livestock systems: Exploring more sustainable options in semi-arid Zimbabwe S.H.-K. Tui, D. Valbuena, P. Masikati, K. Descheemaeker, J. Nyamangara, L. Claessens, O. Erenstein, A. Van Rooyen, D. Nkomboni https://cgspace.cgiar.org/handle/10568/42184 SADC: LIMPOPO WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

Four Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries, namely South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique will now be able to collectively manage their water resources more efficiently with the launch of the Limpopo Watercourse Commission (LIMCOM). (Source: Infrastructure News, 30 July 2014.)



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ANNEX Documents

Mapping Template- Ecosystem Based Adaptation for food security

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED!!

(please refer to the AHEAD – GLTFCA Dropbox folder for the template)

UNEP has established a task force to **map on-going initiatives on Ecosystem based Adaptation for Food Security (EbAFoS)**, identify linkages and gaps to support the achievement and suggest how they can be up scaled and out scaled with a view to developing a comprehensive strategy to embed EbAFoS into regional and national food security and climate change frameworks. Ultimately, the aim is to develop a framework for all food security initiatives in the entire continent.

IUCN ESARO has been invited to join this task force, which we have accepted in light of the significance of this issue.

A template has been added to the AHEAD—GLTFCA shared dropbox folder for you to fill and return back to UNEP, as well as annexed to this newsletter. This information and data will help inform the work that will be done in the strategic visionary level.

Please provide as much data as possible as you fill in the template. Once the data is returned, there will be an analysis which will help clearly lay out the kind of enabling policies and legislation that could incentivize countries to invest and lay out the potential for scaling up.

Please kindly return this to by latest 22nd September 2014 to Richard.Munang@unep.org so they can be compiled and discussed.

Peace Parks Foundation (PPF), section 21 not-for-profit company established to facilitate the establishment and development of Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs) in southern Africa, seeks a qualified and professional individual on the lookout for a challenging opportunity to work as part of a dynamic team based in Massingir, Mozambique.



Project Manager: Limpopo National Park Mozambique

(Three-year fixed-term contract)

Through a partnership between the Mozambican Administração Nacional das Areas de Conservação (ANAC) and the Peace Parks Foundation, applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position of Project Manager for the Limpopo National Park (an integral part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park). An initial three-year contract will be awarded to the successful candidate who will be based in Massingir, Mozambique for the duration of the project.

With an increased focus on anti-poaching and community resettlement, in addition to ongoing administration, community, infrastructure and tourism development activities, the Limpopo National Park requires additional technical support in order to ensure implementation of annual work plans.

Under supervision of the Limpopo National Park Steering Committee and Project Implementation Unit, a Project Manager is required to provide technical transfer of knowledge as well as effective management and supervision support to the Parks activities at various levels.

The Project Manager (PM) specific responsibilities and duties will include:
Project management, mentoring support, guidance and monitoring of the performance of departmental activities related to the implementation of the annual Work Plan, whilst improving overall Park implementation efficiencies
Project management of selected key projects, including implementation of cross-border tourism products, specialised anti-poaching projects and infrastructure development projects.

Requirements: • This position carries considerable responsibility for project development and requires good organisational capacity • Strong background in project management • At least five years' experience in a similar environment, preferably with a degree in the Natural Sciences, Project Management or Business Management fields • Skills in negotiating, excellent interpersonal communications and project management are essential • Written and spoken capability in Portuguese and English. The ability to communicate in German language will be advantageous • Experience in, ability and willingness to live and work in remote multi-cultural conditions is a prerequisite • Experience in the following areas will be considered highly advantageous: * The establishment and management of large conservation areas with large staff complements * Good understanding of international donor funding programmes and financial management, including the management and planning of large budgets * Procurement and management of consultants and contractors * Management of small to medium-scale infrastructure projects * Community resettlement policy and programmes * Wildlife conservation and anti-poaching operations * Procurement and management of tourism products and concessionaires • An achiever who has already made a mark in the conservation or project management arena of Southern Africa • A motivated, self-starting, dynamic and innovative manager with good organising, public relations, project management and leadership skills.

The candidate with the requisite skills and performance will have the future opportunity to take overall Project Implementation Unit responsibility.

A competitive salary package will be negotiated, based on qualifications and experience.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter in English detailing your interest in and suitability for the position, as well as a Curriculum Vitae in English, with the contact details of three references, to: Ms Lee-Anne Robertson, Peace Parks Foundation, Techno Park, 11 Termo Road, Stellenbosch, or post to PO Box 12743, Die Boord, Stellenbosch, South Africa or fax to (021) 880-5122 or e-mail to Irobertson@ppf.org.za

Applications must be submitted by 19 September 2014.

Short-listed candidates will be contacted to attend an interview.

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